

FIRE ADVISORY

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Williams and Tusayan Ranger Districts **2014-2015 Prescribed Fire Plans**

WILLIAMS, Ariz. – Starting this September, the Williams and Tusayan Ranger Districts have prescribed (Rx) fire plans for approximately 12,700 acres and 4,400 acres respectively. However, significantly fewer acres may be treated through fire if conditions are not favorable. Conditions include correct temperature, wind, fuel moisture, ventilation, and relative humidity. When these criteria are met, crews implement, monitor, and patrol each burn to ensure it meets the goals and objectives outlined by fire managers.

“We know that during implementation of prescribed fires, firefighter activity, helicopter noise, vehicle traffic, and smoke can all have an impact to forest users and our communities” said Forest Fire Staff Officer, Art Gonzales. “So we include these concerns into our decision process and work very closely with the National Weather Service and the Arizona Department of Environmental Quality to minimize these impacts as much as possible while still meeting our goals for forest health and public safety.”

Key goals for prescribed fire include continuing efforts to improve forest health, enhance public safety, and return fire to a fire-adapted ecosystem. Additionally, prescribed fire lowers the risk of severe wildfires on the forest during critical summer fire conditions by reducing litter, debris, and dense stands of trees. “We’ve made great strides in areas where private businesses and homes meet the forest, but there is still lots of work to be done in creating defensible spaces” Gonzales added.

Before a Rx fire, notification will be provided through multiple channels including; email news releases, Forest fire information line, Inciweb, Twitter, flyers, and the Forest website. Immediately following a Rx fire, browning of lower level pine needles may occur as the tree crown is raised. This is perfectly normal and healthy. Some areas are also part of long term project work where future timber marking paint, mechanical thinning equipment, and other impacts may occur.

Get fire activity updates and maps 24 hours-a-day:

Fire Information Line: 928-635-8311

Inciweb: inciweb.nwcg.gov

Text Message: text ‘follow kaibabnf’ to 40404

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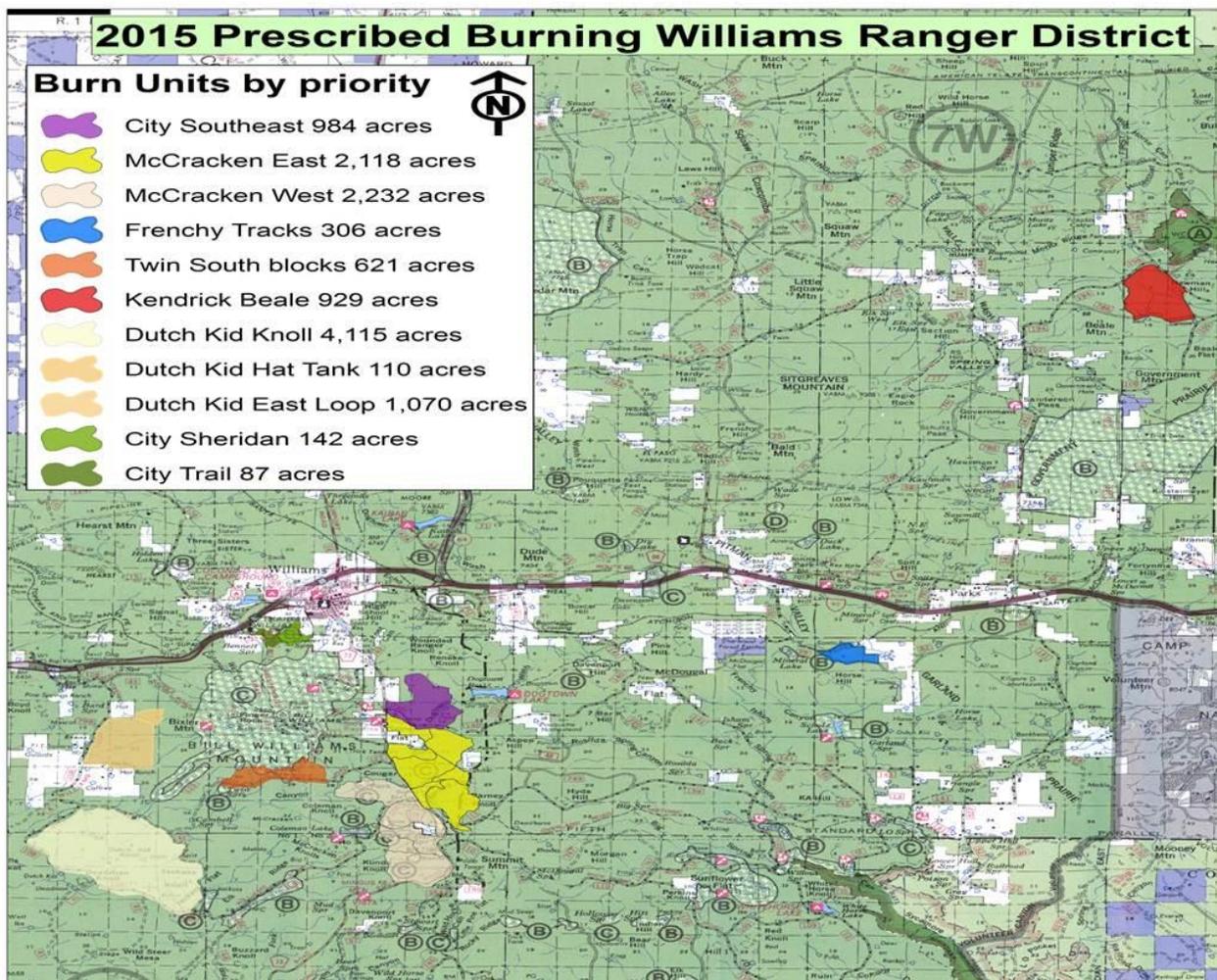


Image 1: Williams Ranger District 2014-2015 Rx Fire Planning Map.

Project Name	Acres	Location
City SE	984	4 miles southeast of Williams, AZ along County Road 73
McCracken East	2,118	5 miles southeast of Williams, AZ on the east side of County Road 73
Frenchy Tracks	306	2 miles east of Sherwood Forest Estates area
Kendrick Beale	929	8 miles northeast of Parks, AZ
McCracken West	2,232	6 miles south of Williams, AZ along the west side of County Road 73
Dutch Kid Hat Tank	110	6 miles southwest of Williams, AZ along FS Road 108
Dutch Kid East Loop	1,070	6 miles southwest of Williams, AZ along FS Road 108
City Sheridan	142	1 mile southwest of Williams, AZ
City Trail	87	1 mile southwest of Williams, AZ in the Clover Springs area
Dutch Kid Knoll	4,115	6 miles southwest of Williams, AZ along FS Road 108
Twin South Mountain	621	6 miles south of Williams, AZ along Twin Springs Road
Total	12,714	

Table 1: Project name, acres, and location description for Williams Ranger District 2014-2015 Rx Fire.

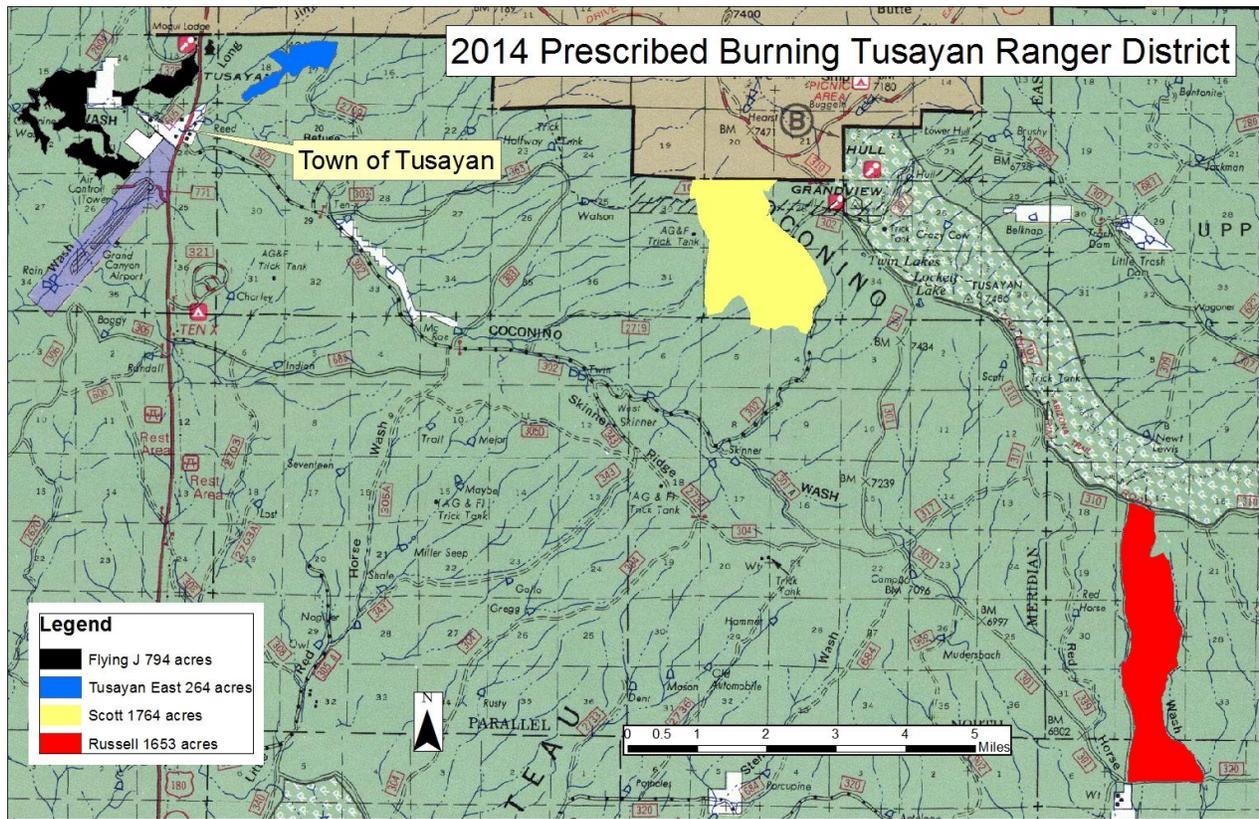


Image 2: Tusayan Ranger District 2014-2015 Rx Fire Planning Map.

Project Name	Acres	Location
Flying J	794	3 miles southwest of Tusayan, AZ west of Highway 64
Tusayan East	264	3 northeast of Tusayan, AZ east of Highway 64
Scott	1,764	10 miles northeast of Tusayan, AZ and south of Grandview area
Russell	1,653	17 miles southeast of Tusayan, AZ on the south side of FS Road 310
Total	4,475	

Table 2: Project name, acres, and location description for Tusayan Ranger District 2014-2015 Rx Fire.